

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 22nd September 2013

Silent Key

We regret to report the death on Sunday September 15th of Tomás Ó Canainn EI7AV. Tomás, a native of Derry, lived in Cork since the early seventies and was well known as the uilleann piper in the traditional group Na Filí. He was Dean of Engineering at University College Cork until his retirement in 1992 and he also had a degree in Music and lectured on Traditional Music at UCC. He had many books published, including books on Irish traditional music and poetry in both Irish and English. He also published a biography on Seán Ó Riada and an autobiography A Lifetime of Notes. We extend our sympathy to his wife Helen and daughters Nuala, Úna and Niamh.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

There are only three days left to the closing date on this coming Wednesday for the next Amateur Station Licence Examination which will be held on Thursday, 10th October at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. If warranted by the number of applicants a morning session at 10.30 a.m. may have to be held in addition to the normal afternoon session. If two examinations are held the papers, while of the same standard, will naturally be different. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . There is also an exam button on the home page. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. Remember the closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday next 25th September.

IRTS Technical Panel

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. The e-mail address irtstech@irts.ie is a single point of contact for communicating with the Panel. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

Send your question to irtstech /at/ irts. Provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question.

Your query via irtstech /at/ irts.ie will be distributed to all the members of the Technical Panel and the resolution to the query e-mailed to your private e-mail address.

West Tyrone ARC

The West Tyrone ARC is holding their annual conference on Saturday 5th October 2013. A comprehensive list of speakers will impart their valuable knowledge and experience. Doors open at 10:30am with first speaker at 11:00am Venue for the conference is Technology Education Centre 2 Spillars Place Omagh BT78 1FA

DX News

Stan LZ1GC will be active as 3D2GC from Fiji until 26 September. He then travels on to Rotuma Island (which counts as a separate DXCC entity) and will sign 3D2GC/P until 11 October. While on Rotuma he will be joined by 3D2RA and 3D2DD. A further few days (12 – 15 October) will be spent in Fiji on his return trip to Europe.

Tomas VK2CCC makes a return visit to Lord Howe Island from 22 – 29 September. He will use the callsign VK9LL. This expedition will be of interest to 160 and 80m operators as Tomas plans to concentrate on these bands.

Nick G3RWF who has activated his 5X1NH callsign from Uganda a total of ten times since November 2007 returns once again from 24 September until 16 November. QSLs are via his home call.

Another return visitor is Karl LA8DW who heads back to Svalbard to reactivate his JW8DW call. Svalbard counts as EU-026 for the Islands on the Air Award. Look for him from 25 September until 2 October.

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Did you know that you can renew your IRTS membership online on the IRTS website. Also, joining the IRTS is very simple and easy, just click on the “Join IRTS” tab on the IRTS website, www.IRTS.ie . For anyone studying for the radio theory examination there are numerous resources available by clicking on the “Radio Theory

Links” on the website. Remember, the IRTS represents your interests both nationally and internationally. Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. IRTS, Amateur Radio in Ireland.

Items for inclusion in next week’s Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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